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MONUMENTS UNDER ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the heritage sites protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country have vanished;

(b) if so, the number of heritage sites protected by ASI alongwith the State-wise details of such vanished sites;

(c) whether land mafia in Delhi have grabbed land of such vanished heritage sites; and

(d) if so, the details of said land and the details of steps taken by the Government to get said land vacated?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) There are 3667 centrally protected monuments/sites as listed by the ASI. Of these, thirty five monuments/sites are found to be untraceable. The details (State-wise) are at Annexure. Urbanization, commercialization, and implementation of development projects are the main causes for the disappearance of historical monuments/sites.No instance of land grabbing has come to the notice of the Archaeological Survey of India.